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Ama-Cheuer welcomes the forwarding of information on coming events and activities of other clubs for publication.

This installment of the Prez's Freq. marks my swan song as its author, and I must admit it is with mixed feelings that I perform this chore one last time. Of course there is a feeling of relief that this job as well as other tasks will be someone else's responsibility for the coming year. On the other hand, however, I must admit that I have derived a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure from the job.

It is a source of satisfaction to receive from the members the cooperation that I have enjoyed during the past year, and I want to thank all of you for your help.

I can only hope that the incoming officers will receive, as I am sure they will, the same wholehearted cooperation that has made my term a pleasure.



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## NEW OFFICERS

While everybody was stuffing in the calories at the gab session following Bob Annis' program on "Magnetics" recently, it was noted that there were an unusually large number of distinguished, nay, debonair wireless hounds on the premises.

With the returns now in from the rural precincts, the results of the Indianapolis Radio Club election can now be reported. Back by popular demand, as the old saying goes, is Bert Brouse, K9JSF, chosen president for the coming year. Bert also was president in 1961.

Bert and the other new officers are shown on the cover of this issue. In the front, from the left, are Dick Kimmett, K9VIE, vice-president; Curly; and Ward Studor, WA9CCX, secretary. In the back are Walt Smith, WA9BHV, second director; Marsh Lincoln, K9KTL, chief operator; Jerry Lucas, W9APJ, first director, and Pat Husk, K9EUQ, treasurer.

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Front row: Paul Nelson, W9BHC; D. J. Angus, W9CQO; Bob Cass-

key, W9DNQ; Bob Annis, ex-9CUD, and John Jones, W9FZW. Back row: Fred Manning, W9VPN; Bill Lueth, W9DSC; Alvey Pittman, W9JJC; Claude Richie, W9TKV, and Jerry Lucas,

Ray Forbes, W9HNS, should have been included, but he wasn't there--out taking a walk, probably. W9APJ.

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW By Jerry Lucas, W9APJ

Here it is nearly time to ring out another year. What has the ITC done the past 12 months? Well, let's think back.

On Jan. 10, the then new officers were installed. On Jan. 24, the program consisted of two films obtained by a rather confused president from the Bell System library. This rather inauspicious beginning was more than compensated for by the following two programs. One on Feb. 14 featured Claude Richie, W9TKV; Harry Smith, W9TT; Ed Ward, K9CRS, and Marsh Lincoln, K9KTL, with hints on operating techniques. On Feb. 28, Earl Springer, W9HTB, gave us a program on Pulse Techniques Used in Air Traffic Control. On March 13, Frank Owens, K9MMG, and Hart Ward gave a talk and demonstration on the Cavity Resonator, a new type of hi-fi speaker. This was followed on the 27th by Dick Judkins and a down-to-earth explanation of Transistor Ignition systems. Bill Branche, K9CLO, on April 10 gave the low down on Cubical Quads, with Walt Smith, WA9BHV, explaining the mysteries of FM on April 24. Home brew night was on May 8, and the annual auction was on May 22. The first half of the year's programs was climaxed with a talk on SSB by Bob Creviston, K9VMG, on June 12.

Field Day was the weekend of June 27-28, and an enthusiastic gang turned out to operate four stations in a pasture field at 38th and Mithoefer Road.

On Sept. 11, we saw slides and movies of some members' summer trips. Sept. 25 was the special 50th anniversary program, which was a king-sized whing-ding attended by nearly 200 hams and ex-hams in IPALCO Hall. Earl Springer narrated a showing of slides depicting the history of the club and of members' radio activities, and a special guest speaker was Ed Handy, W1BDI, vice-president and communications manager of the ARRL.

On Oct. 9, Tech High School Radio Club members presented a program on their activities, and on Oct. 23 Art Schultz introduced us to his homebrew binary computer. A peek into some of the history and mysteries of magnetism were afforded by Bob Annis, ex-9CUD, on Nov. 13, and this was followed on Nov. 27 by the Lure of the Orient, an illustrated talk by Bob Kryter.

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The December schedule was the election on Dec. 11, and the Christmas party on Dec. 18. Quite a year. You should feel band if you missed a single meeting during 1964.

Below are photos of Bob Annis with one of his magnetism demonstrations, and of Bob Kryter and his wife, who is wearing one of the souvenirs brought back from their trip.



Proving that the Ama-Chewer is put out by human beings, there were a few errors in the last previous issue. The ham looking for old call letter license plates is K3HNP, not K9HNP. The mailing address given was correct.

The diagram in the puzzle on a phase inverter should have shown the output signal 180 degrees out of phase with the input signal. How many figured out from the text, which was correct, that the answer is a pair of crossed wires?

Another error was the statement that Kevin Nelson, son of Paul Nelson, W9BHC, is a pupil at the Blind School. Bob Caskey, W9DNQ, administered the Novice test for Kevin, and when Bob reported Kevin had been issued the call W9NBNX, it was incorrectly understood by the stupid editor that Kevin was one of Bob's pupils in radio classes at the Blind School. After all, Bob has been active at the Blind School for years, and whenever he reports on a new call being received, it's at the Blind School, so naturally it seemed natural to assume that . . . that is, it was thought that . . . aw, nuts . . . the thing got all fouled up.

If this incompetence keeps up, the publisher and the editor of the Ama-Chewer will have their salaries cut!

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QRV, EVERYBODY?

FOR SALE -- 500 watt CW rig, PP 813s, well constructed, 36" Bud Cabinet. C. L. Carter, 737, S. DeQuincy, FL 7-0119.

FOR SALE -- NC-183D receiver with speaker, \$150; Globe King 500B transmitter, \$300; Gonsset Monitorone, \$15; Vibroplex bug, \$5. H. M. Peterson, W9ZRK, LI 6-9385.

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You think you got troubles? Man, wait 'till you hear Alvey's troubles! (Alvey Pittman, W9JJC--he's that tall, distinguished fellow who usually sits up front at meetings because he can't hear so well anymore.) He now buys fuses for his rig by the dozen.

It all started when he was in QSO with another ham in California. It's a long way to California, so Alvey was usin' the full gallon, when, all of a sudden, pow! A fuse blew.

So, back to the drawing board. After a day or so, he had the thing apart and in just a few hours discovered the B+ was arcing to the chassis through a broken feed through insulator. (If he wouldn't use such cheap parts, that wouldn't happen.) He just happened to have a replacement insulator (got 'em two for a nickel), and put it in. Turn on the rig. Pow! Another fuse. Dump the rig out on the bench again (that's quite a job with a 1 KW power supply), and, lo! The filament transformer was arcing to the chassis. Put some tape over that (real engineering, boy), and back on the air. Pow! Another you know what. Open up the works, and now the filter choke is arcing to ground. With that replaced, things seemed to work okay.

So, Alvey is back on the air-- I guess. But don't ask to see his collection of burned-out fuses. You know how sensitive he is.

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QRV, EVERYBODY?

If you're a traffic hound, QRV means "I am ready to copy." If you're not a traffic hound, there's no excuse for not knowing how to become one. A series of articles, beginning in the October issue of QST, explains in detail how to handle messages in a systematic way on traffic nets.

Traffic handling is one of the fascinating and satisfying ways you can fulfill your obligation to perform public service with your ham operating. The newcomer sometimes is scared that it's all too complicated, but by studying these articles, you will have all the background necessary to plunge in and get your feet wet on a local or sectional net.

## WHO 'DAT CALLIN' DERE?

Regardless of individual operating tastes, there's one element of ham radio that applies to us all--station identification. With this common denominator, it would seem we all should be exposed to the subject so much we would be perfect at it. But I got a news flash for you, feller--t'ain't so!

Possibly because station identification is taken so much for granted, a large percentage of hams fail to fulfill FCC requirements with their "ID." Possibly it's related to the trait many of us have of mumbling our own names when we're introduced to a stranger. We know our names so well we don't take care to pronounce them right. With station identification, we do it so often we slip into bad habits without realizing it.

Most of us learned the CW routine for identification (W9ABC DE W9JP) when we started out, and so it became fixed firmly on our memories. Consequently most (although not all) CW identifications are done correctly. (Could it be that CW operators are just more careful?) But on phone, where we fall easily into the casual, conversational approach, even with perfect strangers, we quickly drop our guard, and sometimes get downright sloppy. Let's review some of the rules, and correct our mistakes. You may say these are pretty details, but the FCC may feel otherwise. Besides, if we're going to do a thing, why not do it right?

On phone: State the call of the station or stations or the name of the recognized net with whom you are communicating, then say "This is" or "from," then state your call. (Sample: "W9ABC THIS IS W9JP.") In a series of short transmissions, this doesn't have to be done every time you open your yap--just often enough to satisfy the time requirement. Phonetics are not required, although sensible phonetics often help. FCC monitors have commented that many ham phone operators fail to pronounce their calls clearly. (Some letters do sound much alike, but a lot of guys don't even try for clarity.)

Mobile or portable operation: Use the above procedure, followed by the designation "portable" or "mobile," followed by your geographic location. (Sample: "W9ABC THIS IS W9JP PORTABLE INDIANAPOLIS.") Such designations as "W9JP PORTABLE NINE" are meaningless, as well as inadequate. (cont'd next page)

Yaas, I know you hear "everybody" doing it that way. This is one of the bad habits an incredible number of ops have fallen into, just by hearing "everybody else" doing it that way. It apparently was dragged over from CW operation, where the location is not required, but the call area of operation is required. Don't ask me why--that's the rule. On CW, you would send: "W9JP/9." That's all. (If you don't like the long form required on phone, then switch to CW, lazy bones.)

Incidentally, a portable station is any fixed station operated at a location other than that shown on the station license. A mobile station is one installed in a vehicle and capable of being operated while the vehicle is in motion. It doesn't matter where the vehicle is, or whether it is actually in motion, as long as the station is capable of operation while the vehicle is in motion. A "maritime mobile" station is one on shipboard in international waters. A guy who says he's "maritime mobile on Lake James" is just showing off his ignorance. An aeronautical mobile station is one in an aircraft on an international flight. If you want to say "W9JP MOBILE, AIRBORNE," just to give the guys a thrill, go ahead, it's your battery juice, but it's not required on domestic flights. When you give your location as being 2,000 feet over Podunk Center, it's gonna be fairly obvious you're either in some sort of aircraft, or else you got ahold of a mighty vicious jolt of ~~BT~~.

It is hoped this article will help the many ops who have been consistently violating FCC rules accidentally by not being aware of and practicing correct identification procedures.

## IT HAD TO HAPPEN SOME TIME

Some CW operator who apparently is able to copy phone and thereby pick up bad habits recently ended a transmission with "73's" -- in CW!

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It has been proved beyond doubt that smoking is one of the leading causes of statistics.



It has been said many times before, but if cannot be repeated too often: for better enjoyment of our frequencies and to accomplish more on the air, you just can't beat courteous, competent operating. Let's all become candidates for A-1 Operator certificates by following these recommendations by the ARRL:

Make proper choice of bands below 30 Mc., appropriate to the distance to be covered.

Achieve equipment flexibility so that an adequate choice of frequency bands and powers may be available.

Use minimum bandwidth, consistent with good engineering practice and compatible with the mode of transmission being employed.

Expand the use of VHF for local contacts wherever possible, with the ultimate aim of conducting all short-distance communications in this portion of the spectrum.

Use the minimum power necessary for each communication.

Listen carefully before transmitting; be brief; use VOX or break-in CW; use dummy antenna for tune-ups; give honest signal reports; monitor with gear that directly samples your on-the-air signal.

Observance of these good operating practices, along with an uncommon amount of "common sense" and courtesy, will, in effect, widen our bands.

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#### OUR WANDERING MINISTER

A post card from Jim Sugioka, W9CKB, from Hong Kong, dated Thanksgiving Day, said "Today we head for Philippines. Saw some J fellows in Japan, KR6 in Okinawa and VS6 in Hong Kong. Will tell you more when I get back. Note postage (\$1) is more than the value of the card. A land of contrasts. 73 to the IRC gang and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Didja' ever wonder . . . .  
Why a ham transmitter is called a rig?  
What comes between 73 and 88?

Why human offspring are called harmonics instead of heterodynes?  
Where a bug got its name?

What happens to all the power that's radiated from a transmitting antenna?  
If Hamlet was really thinking of 75-meter QRM when he said " . . . full of sound and fury, signifying nothing"?

Why the chairs at club meetings seem to squeak louder during dull programs than during interesting ones?

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#### THE PUBLIC IS WATCHING US

The IRC has been credited by name in The Pilot, monthly magazine published by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, for helping with state-wide communications last summer during the Ninety-Nines Penny-a-pound airlifts.

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P & H 6-150 Transverter	\$140.00
Lafayette HE 45 Transceiver	\$ 69.00
Lafayette HE 10 Receiver	\$59.00

Official Bulletin Nr 979 Nov. 20, 1964  
 The Post Office Department has announced that the amateur radio commemorative stamp will go on sale first in Anchorage, Alaska, on December 15 and in all other post offices the following day. Anchorage was chosen because of the emergency communications performance by amateurs during the earthquakes this year. The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club will furnish its own Alaskan first day cover for twenty five cents. Orders go direct to the club, Box 211, Anchorage, Alaska. Information on ARRL covers is in September, October and November QSTs. (This was read at club meeting before deadline.)

Official Bulletin Nr 980 Nov. 20, 1964  
 (Only the part pertaining to the Central Division is reprinted here.)

The ARRL committee of tellers met today to count ballots in the elections just concluded for ARRL director and vice director. The number of votes credited to each candidate is as follows. The first listed candidate is declared elected for the next term of office.

In the Central Division for vice director,

Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, 1046  
 George W. Bergman, W9CA, 828  
 Sidonius M. Pokorny, W9NRP, 509  
 William H. Siebemorgen, W9THO, 473  
 Everett L. Hanna, W9NWK, 395  
 Adrian Z. Hodson, W9HOT, 79

The new directors and vice directors take office starting January 1, 1965. As of that date the following additionally take office, likewise for two-year term, in view of election procedure previously completed: Central Division director Philip E. Haller, W9HPG. See details of these earlier actions page 56, November QST.

Incidentally, copying these bulletins from W1AW in the evening is an excellent way to improve your code copying ability. The bulletin transmissions include the Official Bulletins, such as printed above, plus Special Bulletins (on urgent matters or topics interesting to only a segment of the amateur fraternity), and high frequency propagation forecasts. See QST for the W1AW bulletin transmission schedule.

It's not often you can enter a contest with a guarantee of winning a prize, but the ITC is in just such a position, IF enough members help out.

Hallicrafters has a "new ideas" contest going now. They want hams to send in ideas on improvements that could be made to amateur radio. These may be in any facet of ham activity. Public service, emergency communications, technical developments, and operating procedures are just a few of the possible subjects. Every ham has some ideas along these lines, so there's no reason why everyone shouldn't enter. You may win a prize for yourself--there's some fancy Hallicrafters equipment to be given away to individual winners.

And the club also can win just by YOUR help in entering the contest. Each club which has 20 members entering the contest will receive a Splatter Guard, and each club which has 50 members entering will receive an electronic keyer. Either would make a good prize for auction night, or home brew night or some other club activity without costing the club a cent.

The deadline for entering is Dec. 31. So hurry. Don't let the Christmas hubbub keep you from getting down to Graham's or Van Sickle's for an entry blank. Fill it out, make sure you put down that you are a member of the Indianapolis Radio Club, and get it back to the store BEFORE DECEMBER 31. Go, man, like NOW!

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WANTED -- FOR MURDER

Jerry Lucas, W9APJ, admits to having "killed" an oscillator. Now he needs someone to bring it back to life. He was calibrating a VFO and decided to test it, according to directions, by touching the hot end of the coil. If everything was working properly, this shouldn't affect the plate current. Jerry touched the hot end of the coil; the plate current held steady; but the oscillator died and hasn't come to life yet, despite many hours of first aid efforts. Wonder where good oscillators go when the die?

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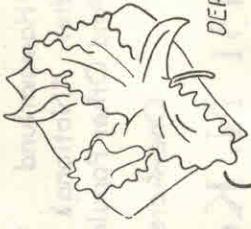
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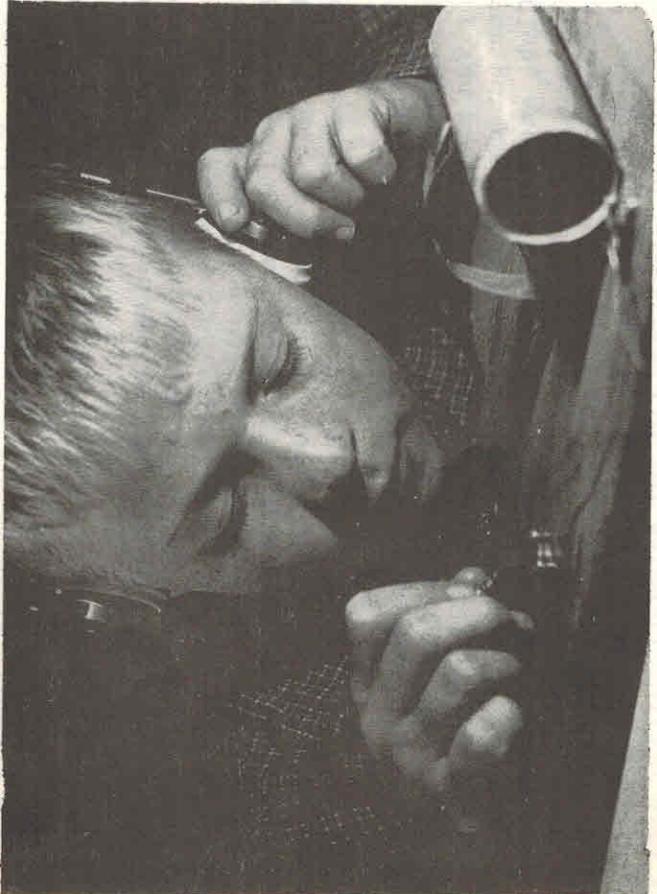
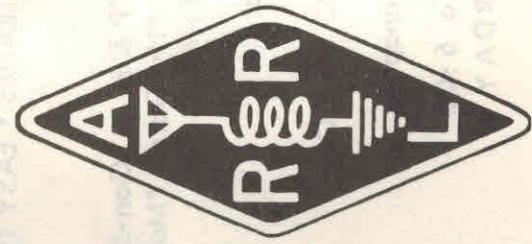
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